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Case 8391

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :
Ehmsperger et al. : Confirmation No. 1139
Serial No. 09/849,554 : Group Art Unit 1724
Filed May 4, 2001 : Examiner Ivars C. Cintins
For USE OF ABSORBENT MATERIALS TO SEPARATE WATER FROM
LIPOPHILIC FLUID

Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION

This is a complete response to the Final Office Action mailed April 8, 2003. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner continue examination of the present application in view of the present amendments and accompanying remarks.

Attached hereto is a **Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time**, and the fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(a), providing for a timely response up to and including August 8, 2003.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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